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SUBJECT: NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM - TOR
CONSIDERATIONS

1. WHILE WE ENVISAGE A SINGLE COVERING REPORT TO MINISTERS IN SPRING 1978 ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, IT SHOULD PROBABLY FORWARD 8-10 SEPARATE PROGRAM REPORT ANNEXES, EACH DEALING WITH A SPECIFIC PROGRAM AREA, AND PROBABLY IN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FORMS IN EACH CASE. WE WANT TO DEVELOP GENERAL GUIDANCE THAT WOULD SERVE AS AN INITIAL BASIS FOR ALL TASK FORCES TO DEVELOP THEIR INDIVIDUAL TOR'S, WITH EACH GROUP MAKING MINOR ADJUSTMENTS AS NECESSARY.

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2. AS AN INITIAL VIEW, WE FEEL SUCH GENERAL GUIDANCE SHOULD CALL FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT PLANS AND PROGRAMS, BOTH NATO AND NATIONAL:

- (1) PROGRAMS FUNDED
- (2) PROGRAMS PLANNED BUT NOT FUNDED (E.G. FORCE GOALS, FLEXIBILITY PROPOSALS)

B. ANALYSIS OF THE ADEQUACY OF AND DEFICIENCIES IN CURRENT

PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE LONG-TERM, TO INCLUDE:

- (1) CURRENT LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION TO DETERRENCE/DEFENSE CAPABILITIES
- (2) LEVEL OF ALLIANCE COOPERATION ACHIEVED
- (3) CURRENT LEVEL OF STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY

C. PROPOSED DETAILED PROGRAM FOR THE 1980'S (LOOKING FORWARD AT LEAST 10 YEARS) INCLUDING:

- (1) DETAILED, TIMEPHASED OUTLINE OF REALISTIC ALLIANCE GOALS
- (2) DETAILED HARMONIZED NATIONAL INPUTS REQUIRED
- (3) STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAMS (BOTH R AND D AND PROCUREMENT)
- (4) OTHER COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS
- (5) COMMON FUNDING APPROACHES, IF USEFUL
- (6) PROCEDURAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE CHANGES NEEDED, IF ANY, TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED PROGRAMS
- (7) APPROPRIATE ASPECTS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION VIEWS ON ABOVE APPROACH.

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4. FYI. SEPARATE PROGRAM REPORTS CAN EXAMINE TRADEOFFS ONLY WITHIN EACH PROGRAM AREA. EWG, MNC, MC, AND DPC WILL THEN HAVE TO CONSIDER PRIORITIES AND TRADEOFFS BETWEEN PROGRAM PACKAGES AS WELL AS POSSIBLE REPROGRAMMING IN OTHER AREAS OF LESSER PRIORITY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY RESOURCES. WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION VIEWS. END FYI.

5. WE ARE STILL ANXIOUS TO DRAW THE FRENCH INTO THE LONG-TERM PROGRAMS, AT LEAST AS OBSERVERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SYG IS EXPLORING THESE POSSIBILITIES WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR. IN THE CASE OF THE STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY PACKAGE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO LEAN ON THE CNAD PERIODIC ARMAMENTS PLANNING SYSTEM (PAPS) WORK IN WHICH THE FRENCH PARTICIPATE. IF WE ARE CONFIDENT WE CAN ACCELERATE AND EXPAND PAPS WORK, PERHAPS WE CAN DELAY FORMATION OF ANOTHER AD HOC GROUP FOR A FEW MONTHS. THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR STANDARDIZATION/INTEROPERABILITY MIGHT HAVE PAPS AS ITS MAJOR CONTENT WITH AC 94 WORK ON

LICENSING AND AD HOC INTEROPERABILITY COMMITTEE WORK AS
OTHER KEY CONTRIBUTIONS.

6. ON STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY (S/I), WE
BELIEVE SPECIAL CARE MUST BE TAKEN TO INTER-RELATE WORK
OF TASK FORCE ON S/I AND THAT OF OTHER TASK FORCES AS
REGARDS PROBLEMS OF S/I IN THEIR PARTICULAR AREAS. WE

SUGGEST THAT IN PREPARING DRAFT TOR'S FOR SUBMISSION TO
EWG ON JULY 1, TASK FORCE ON S/I ADDRESS ITSELF TO
GENERAL PROBLEM OF S/I, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT CONTENT OF
PARA 5 ABOVE, WHILE OTHER TASK FORCES CONCERN THEMSELVES
WITH PROBLEMS OF S/I IN THEIR SPECIFIC AREAS. EWG IN
REVIEWING DRAFT TOR'S COULD THEN DECIDE HOW TO INTER-
RELATE SUBSEQUENT WORK OF TASK FORCES ON THIS PROBLEM.

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